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1. [Mythical Creatures Revealed](#)  [a](#)
SuperScience (Vol. 18, No. 8); May 2007; Lexile Score: 830; 13K.
Summary: "Discover the science behind the legends of some magical creatures." (*SuperScience*) Read scientific explanations behind dragons, unicorns and mermaids. Vocabulary, background information and
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[Alex Haley \(1921-1992\)](#)
 Alex Haley was born on August 11, 1921 in Iruka, New York. He is remembered for writing the best-selling book *Roots*, which tells the true story of his mother's ancestry.

[Annie Oakley \(1860-1926\)](#)
[Benjamin Harrison \(1833-1901\)](#)
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[Mary Shelley \(1797-1851\)](#)
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[Neil Armstrong \(1930-\)](#)
[Orville Wright \(1871-1948\)](#)
[Paula Danziger \(1944-2004\)](#)
[Ralph Bunche \(1904-1971\)](#)
[Walter Dean Myers \(1935-\)](#)
[William Clark \(1770-1838\)](#)

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 Keywords: [caffeine](#); [soda](#); [coke](#)

Cloning Animals
 Subject Headings: [Cloning](#); [Mammals](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [SCIENCE](#); [Animals](#)
 Keywords: [cloning AND cat](#)

Global Warming
 Subject Headings: [Global warming](#)
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 Keywords: ["global warming" AND](#)

Iraq
 Subject Headings: [Hussein, Saddam](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [COUNTRIES BY REGIONS](#); [Middle East](#)
 Keywords: [Iraq](#) NOT "Country Facts"
 Encyclopedia Keywords: [Iraq](#)
 Encyclopedia Entry: [Iraq](#)

Ocelots
 Subject Headings: [Ocelot](#)
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Picture for article: [butterfly and moth](#)

Picture title: Great purple hairstreak butterfly



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